

Cuban Exiles May Work Out Of Nicaragua

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Nicaragua likely will be the new headquarters for military operations against Cuba, directed by exile leader Manuel Artime, who helped organize the ill-fated invasion of the Bay of Pigs in April, 1961.

Artime, civilian leader of the Revolutionary Movement of Recuperation (MRR), announced in Miami Tuesday that "the obstacles" placed by the United States government in the way of exile commandos attempting to raid Cuba or smuggle arms and men onto the island, make it necessary for him and other MRR leaders to leave Florida "in the near future." He said he would establish a base "somewhere in Central America."

Reliable exile sources here said that the "somewhere" is Nicaragua. Artime was in Nicaragua for many weeks making the arrangements, these sources said.

Both Nicaragua and Guatemala — where Artime's invasion troops were trained in 1961 and which has expressed its willingness to serve as the seat of a Cuban government-in-exile — have ports on the Caribbean only 500 miles from Cuba. They also have large jungle areas where troops could hide.

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